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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

October 4, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the due date for reply having been extended one (1) month to October 4, 2002, by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--To a solid comprising a lipophilic drug and a water-soluble substance, a water-impermeable and biocompatible material, or both of the solid comprising the lipophilic drug and the water-soluble substance and the water-impermeable and biocompatible material, an additive such as physiologically acceptable stabilizers, solubilizing agents, preservatives, analgesics may be added. A liquid substance may be also added so